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Title: Repeal the Wolf Hunt – Act 169

The Problem:

Beginning in 1973 wolves were Federally protected by the Endangered Species Act after being considered extinct from the state due to a bounty on wolves from 1865-1957. Since 2003 Wisconsin's wolf population has gone back and forth between being considered an endangered species and being delisted in Wisconsin. Although the wolf is no longer federally protected, the population could be put at risk by an annual wolf hunt. In addition, killing of key members of packs could disrupt the social structure and cause more young wolves to prey on livestock due to young wolves not having proper training from their parents.

WHEREAS Wisconsin's gray wolf was only recently taken off of the Endangered Species list,

WHEREAS the wolf population could be jeopardized by an annual wolf hunt,

BE IT RESOLVED, the Conservation Congress at its annual meeting held in Milwaukee County on April 8, 2013, recommends that the DNR take action to correct this situation by working with the legislature to repeal Act 169.

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